<u>Abstract</u>

A crystalline form of sertraline hydrochloride was found, referred to hereinafter as polymorphic form CSC2 having a dissolution rate which surprisingly will increase rate of absorption of a drug.

Furthermore, different crystalline forms of sertraline hydrochloride alcohol solvates, crystalline forms of sertraline hydrochloride hydrates, referred to hereinafter as polymorphic form CSC1, a process for the preparation of the amorphous form of sertraline hydrochloride, and different processes for the preparation of polymorphic forms I, II, V, and T1 are disclosed.